



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

HAPPY 2025 PRIDE MONTH!

The 2025 LGBTQI+ Pride Month begins on June 1.

Hostos is delighted to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of the College's LGBTQI+ community past, present, and future. We are and will remain a strong ally and advocate for the Hostos Family's LGBTQI+ members.

The theme of this year's Pride Month is "Activism and Social Change." America's LGBTQI+ citizens are undergoing renewed verbal and physical violence, hateful actions fostered by right-wing ignorance and hatred. It is more important than ever that we take a stand against such behavior. Who and how we love is no one's business but our own, and is part of our freedom as citizens of this country.

These days there is a great deal of fear and uncertainty concerning all sorts of minority rights and, indeed, the survival of this nation as a home for all who wish to live here. We acknowledge this, but we will never stop celebrating – and protecting – the glorious diversity of love and affection that exists in the world. We support our LGBTQI+ community and applaud their efforts as we affirm their right to enjoy their lives to the fullest.

In solidarity, with love,

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